

## XVI.—On a new Species of Bower-bird.

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(Plate XIV.)

*Chlamydera maculata* nova. Cape Spotted Bower-bird.Mathews, Bull. Brit. Ornith. Club, vol. xl. p. 76  
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This fine new subspecies differs from *Chlamydera m. subguttata* (Mathews, Nov. Zool. vol. xviii. 1912, p. 410) in having the yellow on the breast and abdomen much deeper and richer in colour; the wavy flank-markings are much bolder and darker, and there is less black on the throat and upper chest, these parts in *Chlamydera m. subguttata* being sharply defined from the breast, which is very pale. The bill of the new subspecies is distinctly smaller, and about 5 mm. shorter.

The bird figured is a female, and had the ovaries enlarged to the size of small peas, when shot near the North-West Cape, mid-western Australia, August 9, 1916. Out of the series of six birds that were obtained there, the above has much the best coloured and largest nuchal band, which is half an inch in depth. All the birds seemed to be fully adult, and there was only one male, the nuchal band of which is very imperfect and uneven, and has about half the feathers deep golden yellow, the remainder being pink with a few scattered bluish-purple ones. This golden yellow does not occur in the nuchal bands of the five females.

We hope to publish a full account in the July 'Ibis' of the discovery of the above and other new subspecies, with notes and remarks on the birds seen between Albany and the North-West Cape, in the course of four trips in the intervening districts.

[If the genus *Alphachlamydera* be not admitted, the above bird can be called *Chlamydera maculata carteri*.—G. M. M.]

CHLAMYDERA MACULATA NOVA.



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